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In the desert, about 13 miles west of Milford, stands the remains of Frisco, once the wildest mining town in Utah. A group of our club members, Bruce Robinson, Bryan Moulton, his wife, Mary and their three children, Bob and Carol Campbell, Harold and Linda Franke, their son, Steven, and Bruce's friend, Ken Lambson, spent two very exciting days digging and exploring this ghost town.

Harold was the first to spot a small round object, lying on the surface. A shield nickel had apparently been uncovered by the numerous rain storms we've had this year! Bruce got all excited and was determined to find something better, so he borrowed Harold's detector and began scanning the area. The ground is full of minerals, so a detector with a ground balancer works best. It wasn't long before a smiling Bruce dug a beautiful, unlisted token!! We were all so envious!!

Later that day, Harold discovered an old outhouse hole and he and Bruce, Ken and Bryan took turns digging and screening. They came up with a few old bottles, marbles and buttons, but not much more. Bryan wandered off on his own and came back proudly displaying another shield nickel and an indian-head penny.

That evening, we enjoyed sitting around a campfire, swapping yarns and listening to the coyotes howling at the moon.

About 1:00 on Sunday afternoon, the desert silence was broken by loud warwhoops!! Harold had been detecting along a wash behind the townsite, when suddenly, his machine signaled that something good lay beneath the ground in front of him. He knelt down and carefully uncovered a barber dime! It was in beautiful condition! Again, and again the detector sounded. As we all stood spellbound, Harold dug 14 pieces out of a 3'X 3' hole! A barber quarter, 3 barber dimes, 1 seated liberty dime, and 5 V nickels and 4 shield nickels appeared!! Many speculations were made as to how the money could have fallen into such a small area. As Harold continued to dig and screen, he came across the remains of an old campfire. Perhaps, almost a century ago, a weary traveler sought shelter in this wash and bedded down for the night.

As the sun began to set in the west, we reluctantly headed back home, but the memories of the two days we spent in Frisco will live with us always.

Linda



N.U.T.S. NEWS

Gaylen Rust was our guest speaker at our September N.U.T.S. meeting. Gaylen collects Civil War tokens and he really has an enviable collection! He shared with us some fascinating history, not only about the Civil War tokens, but he told us about our present monetary system as well. For instance, did you know that the first greenback dollar was printed in the 1860's? In 1862, the first Civil War token was used. New York distributed the most Civil War tokens. Because of the war, it was thought that gold and silver would be scarce, so the tokens were minted out of non-precious metals. In 1864, just two years later, no more tokens, known as Civil War tokens, were struck.

Thank you, Gaylen, for sharing your knowledge with us!

A Few weeks ago, our club went on a dig to Scranton, Utah. Bob Campbell was wagonmaster, and graciously showed us around this most interesting old mining town. Not much was uncovered. However, Bob picked up an old ceramic toothbrush and Bryan Moulton detected an old California license plate.

Have you gotten your displays ready for our October 20th meeting? Don't forget that there will be prizes for both senior and junior divisions. The senior prize is a beautiful silver dollar in a rosette, and the junior winner will take home a silver half in a rosette! You won't want to miss out on the fun. Get your entries ready, and, who knows, you may walk away with a great prize!! If you would like to borrow a display case to show off your collectables, contact Bruce Robinson at 968-1629.

Now is the time to decide who you want as officers to lead us next year in our N.U.T.S. club. Elections are coming up in November, so plan ahead to attend so that your vote can be counted and you can nominate the people of your choice. This is your club, and if you want to have a say as to who leads us, support us in this election. Ballots will be sent in the mail for those who cannot attend.

By the way, our November election meeting will be held the 3rd Thursday in November, the 17th, because Thanksgiving falls on the 4th Thursday.

Our Christmas party will be held on December 15th at Seaman James Bartley. Call Carol Campbell at Wally's Coin to make reservations so that we can enjoy good company, excellent food, and prizes galore!

For those of you who missed our last meeting, here are the clues Bob and Carol handed out regarding the treasure hunt they've put together. Remember, the clues will be given out at each meeting, and if you attend, you'll get the jump on the others. The treasure is valued at over \$100.00 book value!!

The answer to #1 is----The sweetest part of the valley.
The answer to #3 is----Another name for rump.
The answer to #5 is----Brigham Young muttered some famous words. It is one of those words.

Turn the page for the clues.

Our treasure is near, there is no need at all to fear.
 Just fill in the blanks; you'll laugh your way to the bank.
 This rhyme is your guide, someone has something to hide.
 If you want the dough, #1---if the place you will go.
 A #2---there will be, that is the place you'll want to see.
 "If" you look #3---, A #4---/#5---is what you will find.
 Now you want a lead, #6---are the numbers you need.
 Here is a big clue, It's on #7---#8---.
 The end is close by, and I'm letting out a sigh!

GOOD LUCK!!



As of October 1, 1983, Bob and Carol Campbell are the new owners of Wally's Coin. Bob hopes to become the largest token dealer around,, and he is well on his way. Best of luck to both of you!

The National Utah Token Society, N.U.T.S., had a display exhibited in the annual Collectors Fair, held at the Salt Lake City Library on October 15th and 16th. Harry Campbell served as organizational chairman, and several of our members participated either by contributing personal displays, or volunteering to man the booth and answer questions. We want to especially thank Harry, Bob Harris, Irv Ratcliffe, and Harold Franke for the beautiful displays they put together. The more people who become familiar with tokens, the more pieces will turn up and we're certain that interest in our hobby will sky-rocket! Frank Sommer displayed his beautiful collection of saloon tokens.

Be sure to visit the 20th annual Utah Coin Show, held at the Salt Palace on October 28, 29, and 30. Just as last year, there will be a category for tokens. More and more coin dealers are beginning to show interest in tokens. Bring your traders along, and who knows, maybe you'll be able to pick up some 'beauties'.

I would personally like to apologize for not getting this newsletter out prior to our October 20th meeting. Due to a misunderstanding, I didn't realize that we were moving our meeting up one week because of the Utah Coin Show. Many of our N.U.T.S. members will be busy on the evening before the coin show setting up their exhibits. I sincerely hope that the delay in receiving your copy of the 'Token Hunter' won't cause you any inconvenience.

Be sure to take note of the last page of this bulletin. We're so excited to learn that Harry's book is now in the process of being printed, and work is due out early in the New Year. Editions will be autographed, and the first 100 orders will be numbered. Place you orders as soon as possible and get this fascinating book at a pre-publication price of \$34.95.

UTAH SALES TAX TOKENS

On December 16, 1976 I talked with the people at the Utah State Tax Commission about Utah Sales Tax Tokens. One man had been with the Commission at the time the tokens were first issued. According to him the first tokens were purchased by the state on June 21, 1937, even thow the tax had been collected since 1933 when it became law. The tokens were used as a means of collecting sales tax up to May 4, 1951 and the Utah Code 59.15.5 still permits their use today if the state wants.

Some background on the Utah Sales Tax. The tax started as the Emergency Act of 1933 and is still with us today. The rate started at $\frac{3}{4}$ of 1% and by the end of the year went to 2%. It stayed at this level untill July 1. 1961 when it was changed to $2\frac{1}{2}$ % only to go to 3% on July 1, 1963. April 1, 1969 saw it go to the present level of 4%. Other factors that make it look bigger to day are the local option that came about in 1959 and the transit tax of 1975. The chart below shows how these have looked over the years. The local option and transit tax are different in each county and city.

SALES TAX CHART

Year	State	Local	Transit	Total
1933	$\frac{3}{4}$ %	-	-	$\frac{3}{4}$ %
1933	2%	-	-	2%
7/1 1959	2%	$\frac{1}{2}$ %	-	$2\frac{1}{2}$ %
7/1 1961	$2\frac{1}{2}$ %	$\frac{1}{2}$ %	-	3%
7/1 1963	3%	$\frac{1}{2}$ %	-	$3\frac{1}{2}$ %
4/1 1969	4%	$\frac{1}{2}$ %	-	$4\frac{1}{2}$ %
1/1 1975	4%	$\frac{3}{4}$ %	$\frac{1}{4}$ %	5%
7/1 1983	4 $\frac{1}{8}$ %	$\frac{7}{8}$ %	$\frac{1}{4}$ %	$5\frac{1}{4}$ %

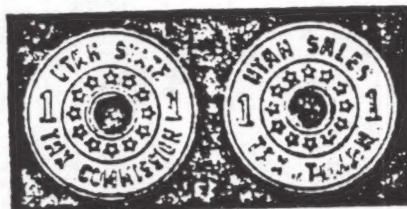
From 10/1 1983 to 9/30 1984 a special $\frac{1}{2}$ % tax to pay for flood damage is added to the $5\frac{1}{4}$ %.

R.H.E.

This is the Utah portion of Jerry F. Schimmel's work
 "U.S. STATE ISSUED SALES TAX TOKENS" published by the
 American Tax Token Society in June 1973.

UTAH

1937-38



UT- 1. 1 (Mill) aluminum, 16mm

.15 .45

1939-41



Rev. like UT- 1

UT- 2. 1 (Mill) aluminum, 16mm

.05 .25

UT- 2a. 1 (Mill) aluminum, no design around center

.45 .75



UT- 3. 5 (Mills) aluminum, 22.5mm

.05 .25

1942-51



UT- 4. 1 (Mill) green plastic, 22.5mm

.10 .25

UT- 5. 2 (Mills) grey plastic

.05 .15

UT- 6. 5 (Mills) orange plastic

.05 .15

NOTE: Die, color, and transparency varieties exist among the one mill green Utah tokens. The grey and orange have only color and transparency varieties.

Thank you, Richard Blaylock, for sending us this
 very interesting article about Utah Sales Tax Tokens! We
 appreciate you and Aloma so much. You are great members!



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A 'COLLECTORS FAIR' will be held at the SALT LAKE CITY LIBRARY, (Main Branch) at ~~5th~~ South and ~~2nd~~ East, SLC, on Saturday and Sunday OCTOBER 15th & 16th, 1983.

Displays on Saturday are shown from 9am to 6pm. During which time the staff of the Library will be selling off old books.

Displays can also be viewed on Sunday from 1pm to 5pm.

The show will feature many kinds of collectibles, displayed by various Utah clubs.

The NATIONAL UTAH TOKEN SOCIETY will also display TOKENS and related items that any members may wish to display. FOUR glass covered display cases are available to house the Club's items. Volunteers are needed to man the display tables and to help answer questions about our club. (Two or three members at the table at any given time.) If you wish to display and/or would like to man the tables, please call Harry Campbell at 466-7400 (evenings) for details.

A 'NEW' drive for members is under way for 1984. Please clip off the membership application below and get a friend to join!



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